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TEPPEI KOTAYA AND HIS GENIUS BROTHER KOTARO TEPPEI REUNITE AT A ROBOTICS CONVENTION IN MECHATOWN, CHINA. WHEN BOTH REJOICED OVER THE MEETING OF EACH OTHER, KOTARO IS ABDUCTED AND BROUGHT TO THE CENTRE OF THE MACHINE EMPIRE.

TEPPEI FOLLOWED THE MAN FROM MACHINE EMPIRE TO SAVE HIS BROTHER, KOTARO. TEPPEI THEN ACCIDENTALLY MET THE LEGENDARY BT X AT THE JUNKYARD OF MACHINE EMPIRE. EVEN THOUGH X REVIVES AFTER RECEIVING TEPPEI'S BLOOD, HE REFUSED TO ACCEPT TEPPEI. LATER, HE IS WILLING TO ASSIST TEPPEI AFTER KNOWING THAT TEPPEI IS HIS MASTER, KAREN'S LIFESAVER.

AT THE TIME WHEN TEPPEI AND X PREPARED TO MOVE TOWARDS MACHINE EMPIRE, THE TOP BATTLER OF MACHINE EMPIRE, FOU LAFINE AND JE T'AIME SHOWN UP...

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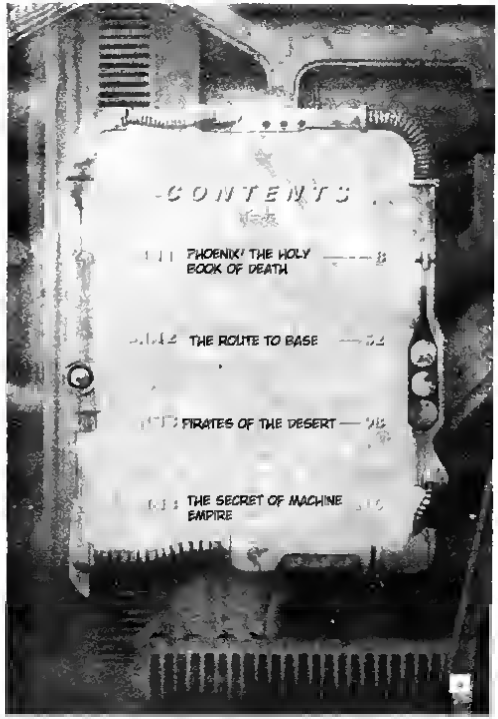
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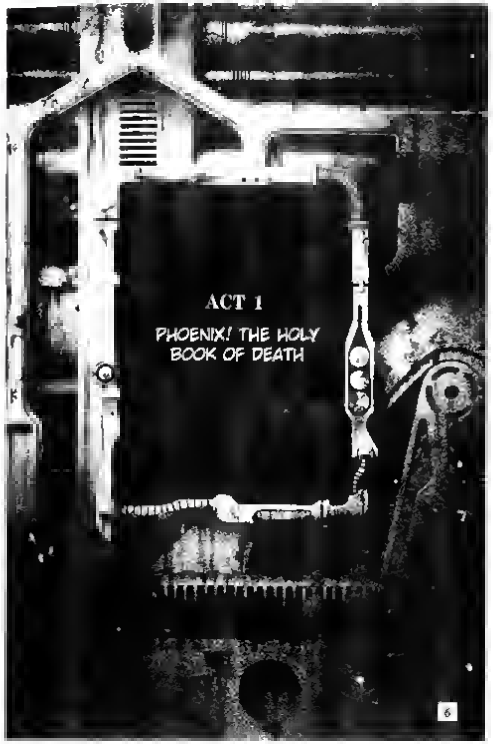
CONFESS!
WHAT ?
STOP SPEAKING LIKE A FATHER TO ME!
CONFESS OF WHAT YOU HAVE DONE BEFORE YOU DIE!
ONLY THEN YOUR SOUL WILL BE SAVED EVEN THOUGH YOUR BODY IS DE-STROYED!
X! COME ON!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PHOENIX! THE HOLY BOOK OF DEATH
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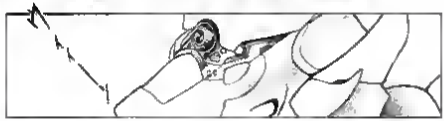
THE STATISTIC OF JE T'AIME'S BATTLE RATING
AND THE KNIGHT FOU'S POWER SHOWS THAT....
OUR FAILURE RATE IS 99.8%

X' DASH FORWARD!

START TO BATTLE!
X, WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU?

WHAT!

I DON'T WANT TO DASH FOR WARS



IN FRONT OF THE HELL'S FATHER FOU LAFINE AND JE T'AIME, NO MATTER HOW GREAT IS THE PERSON,
HE CAN ONLY DIE!
HOW, H OW CAN IT BE?
WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
NO, WE CAN'T ESCAPE.
WE WILL NOT ESCAPE, RIGHT?
YES
ANY PREY SPOTTED BY JE T'AIME'S EYES WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO ESCAPE
WE CAN NEITHER FORWARD NOR BACKWARD
IN OTHER WORDS

JE T'AIME, HOW IS IT?
YES, LIEUTENANT FOU
IDIOT
HUH?
OUR SUCCESSFUL RATE IS 99.8%

ABOUT ONE MINUTE
I AM SORRY
THE OTHER SIDE IS A BRAT FULL OF INJURIES AND A KID. WE KNOW THAT WE WILL SURE WIN EVEN BY CLOSING OUR EYES
TOO SLOW
I'M ASKING HOW MUCH TIME WE NEED TO BEAT THEM
FINISH THEM IN 30 SECONDS
BEFORE I FINISH RECITING CHAPTER 51 SECTION 14 OF THE BIBLE
YES SIR

BIBLE

GOD, MY MIGHTY GOD. SAVE ME FROM THE DEEP BLOODY SINS
BIBLE

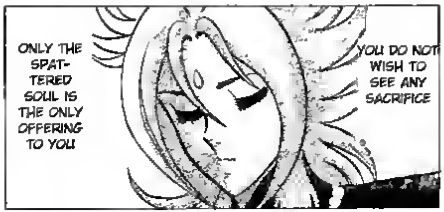
UMPH..

X!
X, WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
HERE HE COMES

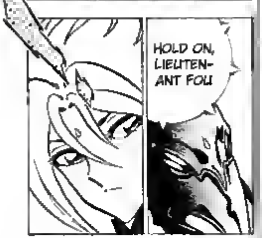
X!
X!
MY LORD! OPEN MY LIPS GENTLY. FROM MY MOUTH WILL SING OUT THE MATCHING PRAISE
X!

THE TONGUE IN MY MOUTH WILL ALWAYS SING THE ETERNAL JUSTICE FOR YOU

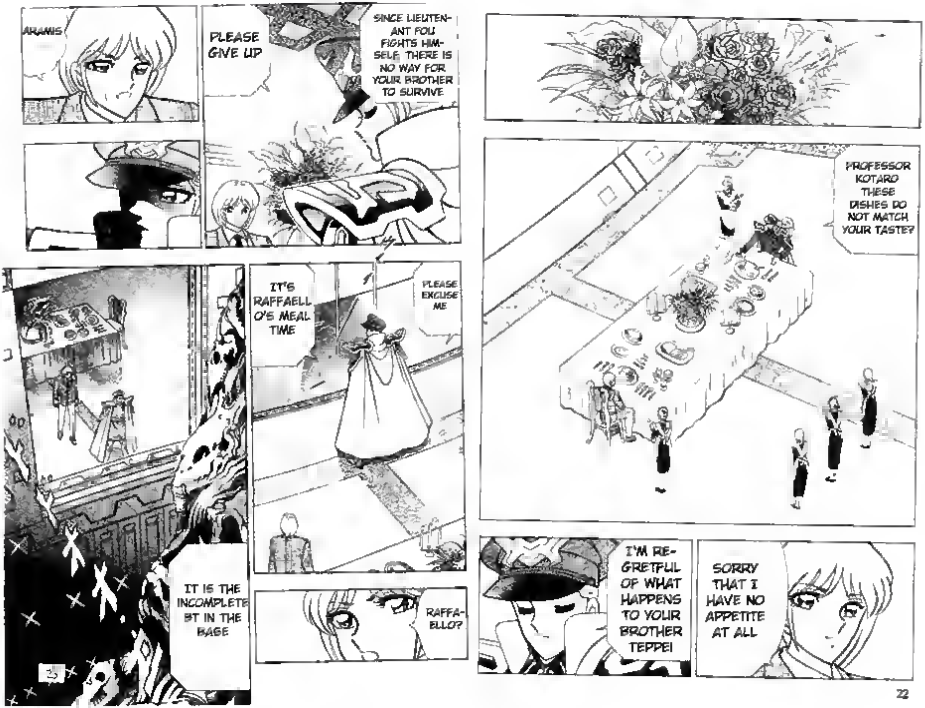
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU?
X!


ONLY THE SPATTERED SOUL IS THE ONLY OFFERING TO YOU
YOU DO NOT WISH TO SEE ANY SACRIFICE

JE T'AIME, LET'S GO BACK


HOLD ON, LIEUTENANT FOU

THE SPATTERED SOUL...


ARAMIS
PLEASE GIVE UP
SINCE LIEUTENANT FOU FIGHTS HIMSELF, THERE IS NO WAY FOR YOUR BROTHER TO SURVIVE
PROFESSOR KOTARO THESE DISHES DO NOT MATCH YOUR TASTE?
IT'S RAFFAELL O'S MEAL TIME
PLEASE EXCUSE ME
IT IS THE INCOMPLETE BT IN THE BAGE
RAFFAELLO?
I'M REGRETFUL OF WHAT HAPPENS TO YOUR BROTHER TEPPEI
SORRY THAT I HAVE NO APPETITE AT ALL

WHAT ?

ONCE RAFFAELLO IS COMPLETED, IT HAS THE POWER OF 100 BTSS
THE ULTIMATE BT?

ARAM IS
OH

WHY IT SEEMS TO LOOK DIFFERENT FROM WHAT I HAVE SEEN BEFORE?
AS EXPECTED PROFESSOR KOTARO YOU HAVE SHARP OBSERVATION

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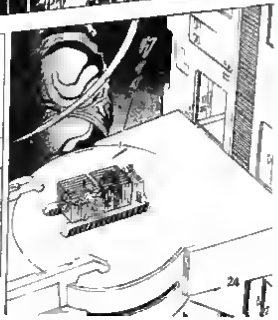
RAFFAELLO IS OUR ULTIMATE BT.
THAT BT IS NOT COMPLETED YET?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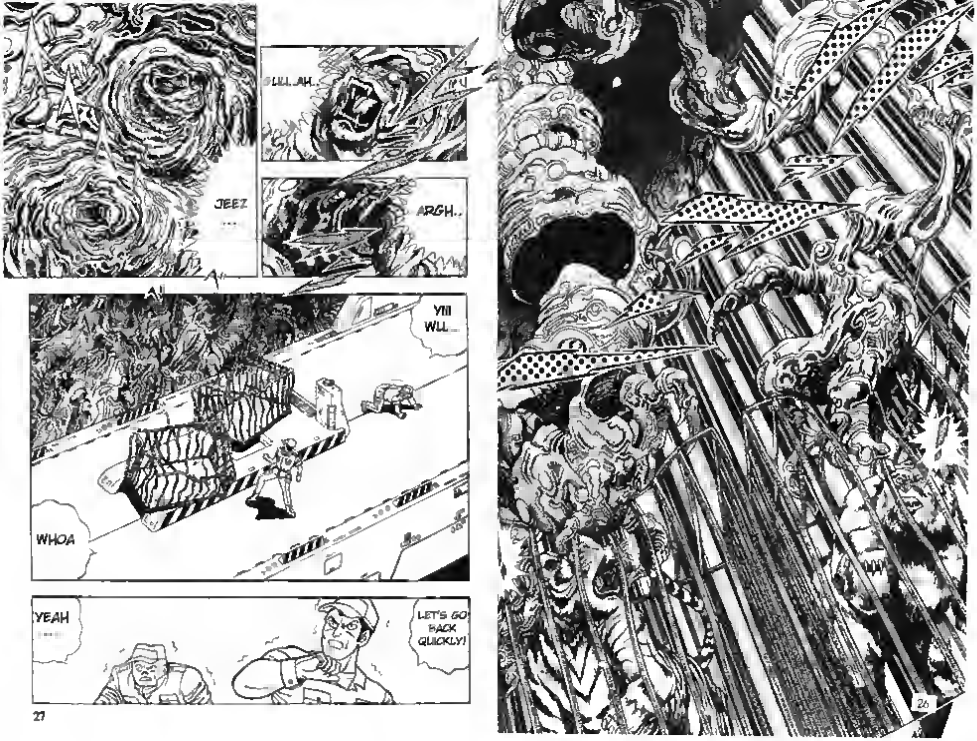

JEEZ
....
GUU..AH..
ARGH..
YIII
WLL..
WHOA
YEAH
....
LET'S GO
BACK
QUICKLY!

THIS IS THE POINT WHICH I NEED YOU ADVICE
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
SACRI-FICE?

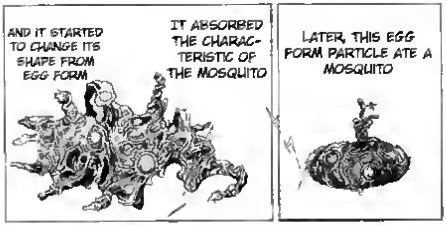
DURING OUR BT RESEARCH OF OUR MACHINE EMPIRE, WE HAVE DEVELOPED THIS FEARFUL MON-STER

HOW FEAR-FUL IS THE ULTIMATE B'T RAFFAELLO!
LET ME TELL YOU NOW

WLL..AR GH..

WHOA !

ANOTHER TWO SACRI-FICES.
WH..WH AT!

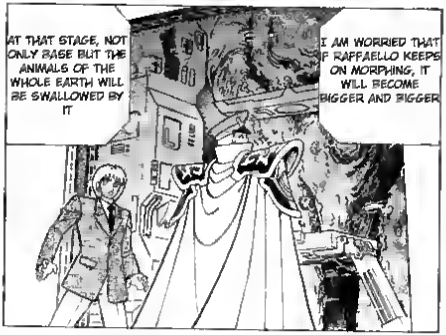

AND IT STARTED TO CHANGE ITS SHAPE FROM EGG FORM
IT ABSORBED THE CHARACTERISTIC OF THE MOSQUITO
LATER, THIS EGG FORM PARTICLE ATE A MOSQUITO

OTHER THAN BUGS, THERE ARE LITTLE ANIMALS AND STRONG BEASTS. AT THE END EVEN THE STAFF
AFTER THAT, WE FEED IT WITH DIFFERENT LIVING BEINGS UNDER THE EMPEROR'S COMMAND
YES..RAFFAELLO ABSORBS DIFFERENT KIND OF LIVING BEINGS INTO ITS BODY AND IS STILL MORPHING

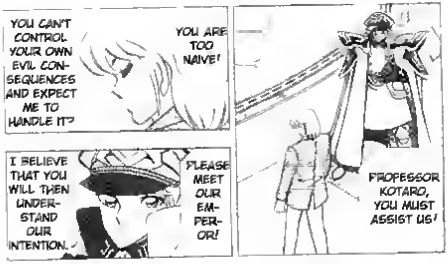
WE WILL FOLLOW THE EMPEROR'S PLAN AND INSTRUCTION IN MANUFACTURING THE B'T
B'T DEVELOPING PLAN AND MATERIALS ARE DIRECTLY PASSED TO US BY MACHINE EMPEROR

THE ONLY THING PASSED TO US IS AN EGG FORM PARTICLE WHICH WE HAVE NEVER SEEN BEFORE
BUT WE DID NOT RECEIVE ANY INFORMATION ABOUT RAFFAELLO

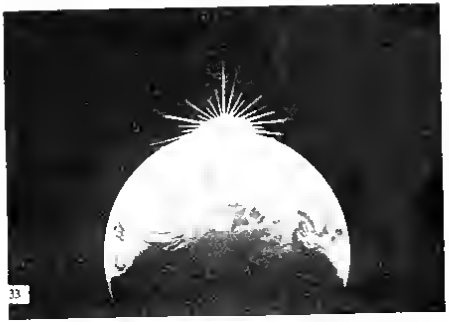
BUT AFTER OBSERVING RAFFAELLO, WE HAVE TO ADMIT THAT THIS IS THE FACT
INITIALLY, WE WERE ALSO SURPRISED
NO MATTER WHAT, B"T IS STILL A ROBOT. HOW CAN IT HAS BIOLOGICAL GROWTH?
HOW CAN IT BE? CAN EVEN MORPH?

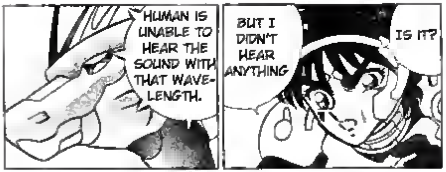

AT THAT STAGE, NOT ONLY BASE BUT THE ANIMALS OF THE WHOLE EARTH WILL BE SWALLOWED BY IT
I AM WORRIED THAT IF RAFFAELLO KEEPS ON MORPHING, IT WILL BECOME BIGGER AND BIGGER

UMPH


YOU CAN'T CONTROL YOUR OWN EVIL CONSEQUENCES AND EXPECT ME TO HANDLE IT?
YOU ARE TOO NAIVE!
I BELIEVE THAT YOU WILL THEN UNDERSTAND OUR INTENTION.
PLEASE MEET OUR EMPEROR!
PROFESSOR KOTARO, YOU MUST ASSIST US!

EMPEROR?
HE IS THE SAVOIR OF ALL HUMAN BEINGS!
ONLY THE EMPEROR CAN BRINGS HOPE AND PROSPERIOUS TO THE PEOPLE




HUMAN IS UNABLE TO HEAR THE SOUND WITH THAT WAVE-LENGTH.
BUT I DIDN'T HEAR ANYTHING
IS IT?

THIS IS JE T'AIME'S PRAISE TO DEATH!
THOSE SOUND WAVES WILL STIMULATE B'T'S HEARING AND DE-STROY THE CIRCUIT IN OUR BRAINS. THIS IS A TERRIFYING ATTACK!

HU...
I THOUGHT WE WERE DONE FOR

JE T'AIME JUST STRIKES ME WITH HIS ADEPT SUPER-SONIC ATTACK!

I'M OK. X, WHAT HAP-PENED TO YOU JUST NOW?
TEPPEI, ARE YOU HURT?

SUPER-SONIC ATTACK?

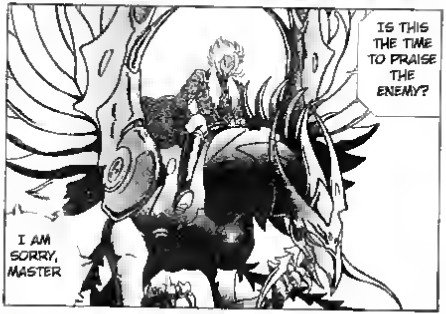
UMPH
HERE WE COMES AGAIN!

MUST HAVE 5 COMPLETE SENSES
SENSE ?

THIS WAY IS USELESS NOW
WHAT SHOULD WE DO? SEAL THE HEARING AGAIN?

GOOD, X...

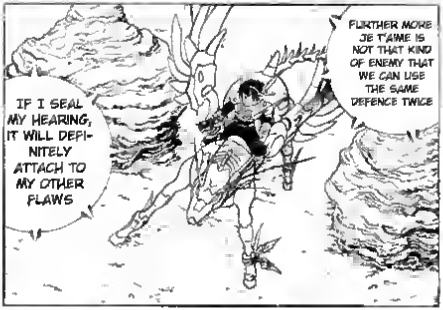
JE T'AIME'S, IT SEEMS THAT X SEALED HIS OWN HEARING.
YES, HIS BRAIN SHOULD HAVE TURNED TO METAL TRASH EARLY AGO


IS THIS THE TIME TO PRAISE THE ENEMY?
I AM SORRY, MASTER

HE IS JUST STRIVING FOR A FEW MORE SECONDS OF LIFE
BUT I THINK THIS IS THE EXTREME OF WHAT X CAN DO

DEATH CAROL!!!
WHOA!

LOSING ONE SENSE DURING BATTLE WILL BRING A DISADVANTAGE TO US
IT'S 5 SENSES SUCH AS EYESIGHT IS AS MUCH AS A THOUSAND TIMES STRONGER THAN A HUMAN


IF I SEAL MY HEARING, IT WILL DEFINITELY ATTACH TO MY OTHER FLAWS
FURTHER MORE JE T'AIME IS NOT THAT KIND OF ENEMY THAT WE CAN USE THE SAME DEFENCE TWICE

SEAL ALL YOUR SENSES
IN THAT CASE DON'T SEAL ONLY ONE

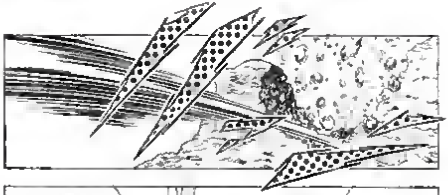
AT THAT TIME WE ARE REALLY DONE FOR
BOTH OF US WILL NOT SURVIVE

WHAT?!

ONCE JE T'AIME STARTS TO ATTACK SWITCH TO MANUAL IMMEDIATELY!
THEN I WILL DASH INTO HIM AND SMASH HIM INTO PIECES WITH MY M.F

UMPH—
UNDER-STAND?

AL-RIGHT!
I THINK THIS IS THE ONLY WAY—



DURING AUTO, BT CAN MOVE WITH HIS OWN WILL WHERE DURING MANUAL, THE MASTER MONI-TOR IT RIGHT?
BT'S SHOULD HAVE AUTO OR MANUAL FUNC-TION RIGHT?

THIS IS THE ONLY WAY WE CAN DO NOW!
BUT CAN YOU MANAGE TO MONITOR ME?

SO AUTO-MATICALLY WOULD NOT HAVE FLAWS IN HIS SENSES
IN OTHER WORDS IT IS JUST LIKE A FLYING MA-CHINE DURING MANUAL

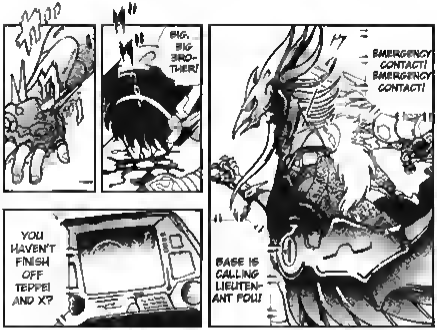
YOU ARE RIGHT

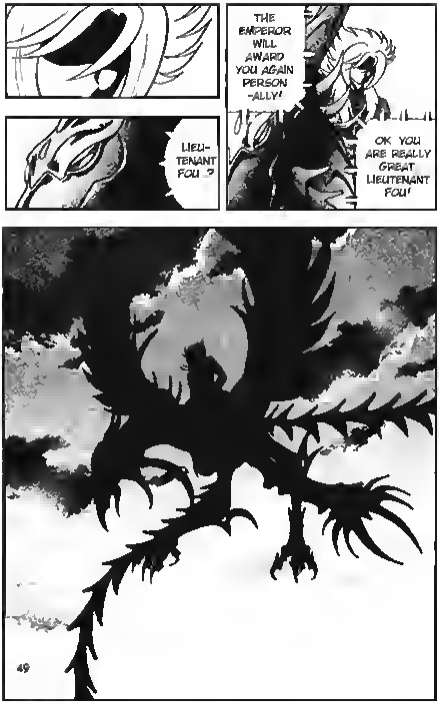
TAKE MY M.F ATTACK!
COMING...
LET'S GO, X!
DEATH CARDS IS NOT WORKING.
LIEUTEN-ANT FOU!

FUNERAL
BOW!

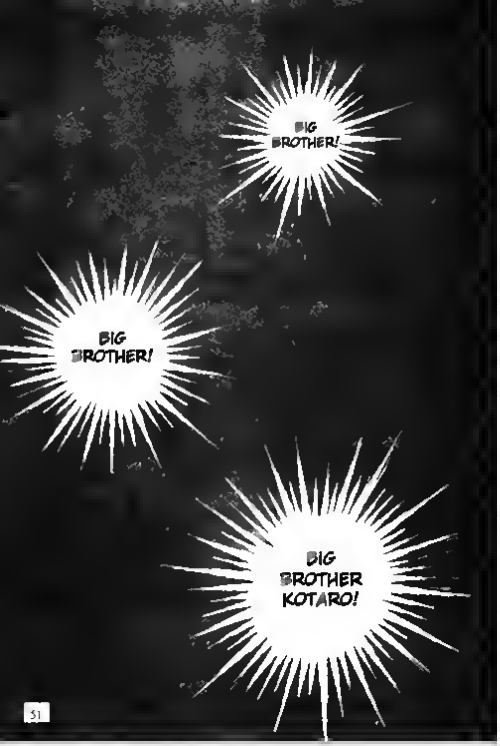
WHAT?
WHOA...

ARGH...
URGH
LIEUTENANT FOU, PLEASE ATTACK NOW!


BIG, BIG BRO-THER!
EMERGENCY CONTACT! EMERGENCY CONTACT!
BASE IS CALLING LIEUTEN-ANT FOU!
YOU HAVEN'T FINISH OFF TEPPEI AND X?
HAVE YOU FINISH OFF TEPPEI AND X?
WHAT'S WRONG? PLEASE ANSWER IMMEDIATELY LIEUTENANT FOU!
I FINISH OFF TEPPEI AND X, WITHOUT ANY TRACES.
MISSION COMPLETED!


THE EMPEROR WILL AWARD YOU AGAIN PERSON -ALLY!
LIEU-TENANT FOU ?
OK YOU ARE REALLY GREAT LIEUTENANT FOU!

ACT 2
THE ROUTE TO


BIG BROTHER!
BIG BROTHER!
BIG BROTHER KOTARO!

BIG BROTHER KOTARO
KO.

METAL-FACE!
HO.
PROFESSOR KOTARO HAS BECOME OUR COMRADE
WHAT?
MOVE ASIDE!

DO YOU KNOW THE HARDSHIP THAT I WENT TROUGH TO REACH HERE!
BIG, BIG BROTHER.. WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

IT IS TOO LATE!
WHAT'S TOO LATE? BIG BROTHER KOTARO!

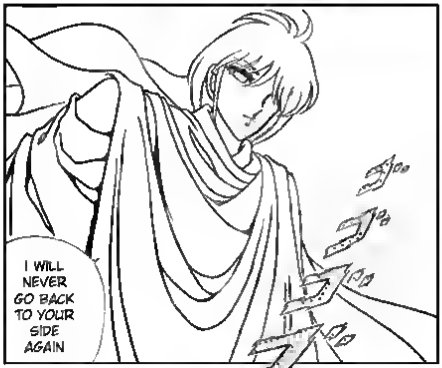
PLEASE LEAVE THIS PLACE WITH ME!
QUICK, BIG BRO-THER!

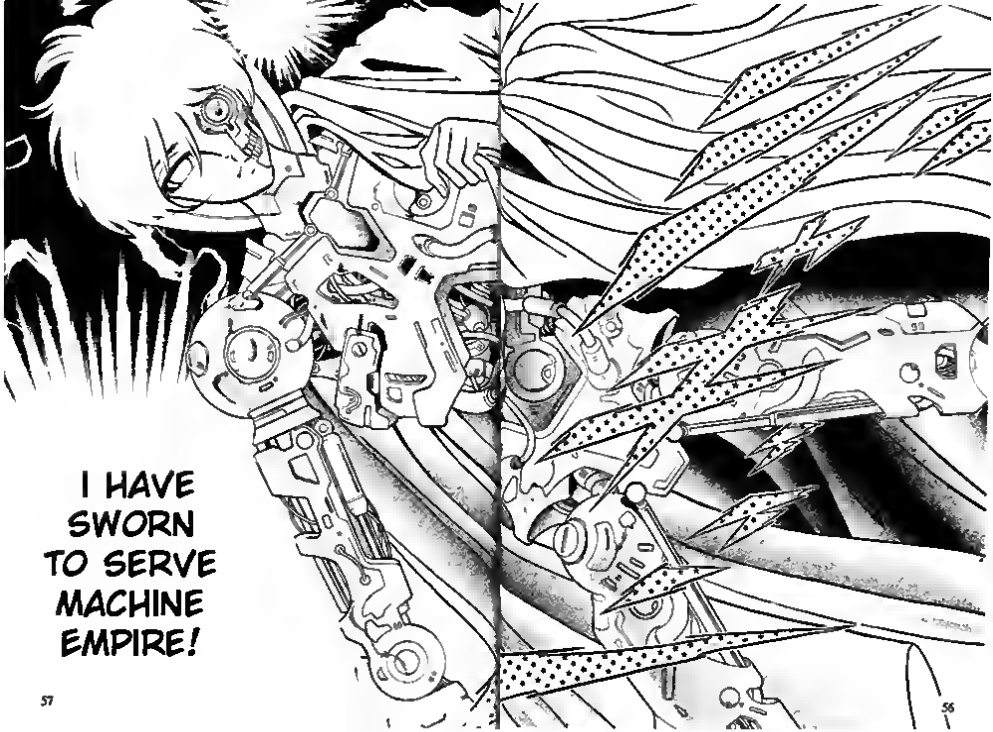
I AM AL-READY

DON'T COME NEAR ME

BIG BROTHER! I COME TO SAVE YOU!
BIG BROTHER KOTARO!

AH!


I WILL NEVER GO BACK TO YOUR SIDE AGAIN

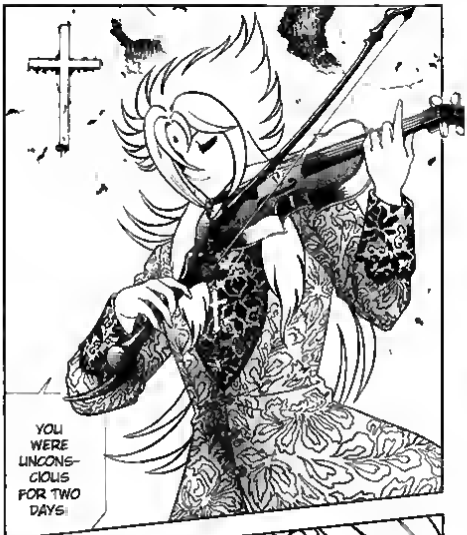

I HAVE SWORN TO SERVE MACHINE EMPIRE!

BIG BROTHER!

AH!

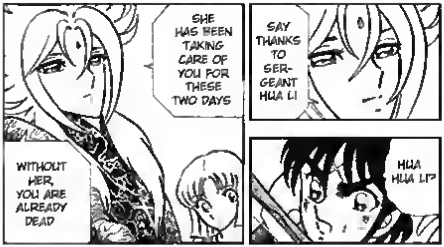
YOU FINALLY WOKE UP

HERE IS.

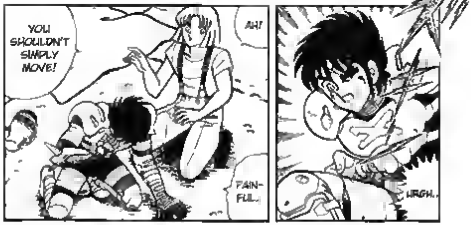

YOU WERE UNCONSCIOUS FOR TWO DAYS.

FOU!

DO YOU WANT TO CONFESS?


SHE HAS BEEN TAKING CARE OF YOU FOR THESE TWO DAYS
SAY THANKS TO SER-GEANT HUA LI
WITHOUT HER, YOU ARE ALREADY DEAD
HUA HUA LI?

X, LET'S GO OFF IMME-DIATELY
X! WHERE ARE YOU!
YOU.. YOU MUST BE JOKING!
AREN'T YOU THE ONE WHO PUSH ME TO THIS STAGE.
WHAT IF SOMETHING HAPPENED TO BIG BROTHER
HOW CAN I WASTE 2 DAYS IN SUCH A PLACE


YOU SHOULDN'T SURELY MOVE!
AH!
PAIN-FUL..
URGH.

WH WHAT...
YOU HAVE WOUNDS ALL OVER YOUR BODY YOU NEARLY DIED BECAUSE OF TETANUS!

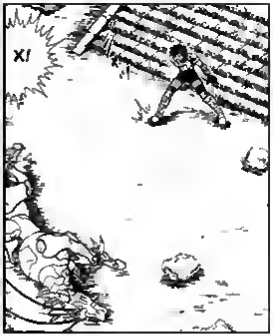
UMPH

THE ONE WHO DON'T KNOW HOW TO MONITOR HIM WILL BRING HIM TO SUCH MTY STATE
UMPH

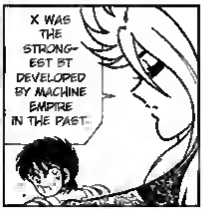
OF COURSE WE CANNOT MOVE!
THE SPARE PARTS FOR CIRCUIT POWER CONNECTION ARE MISSING

WHEN KAREN WAS RIDING X, IT WAS SO BEAUTIFUL LIKE THE COLOURFUL GLOW FROM THE SKY AND SO UNBEATABLE!

HIS OUTLOOK IS THE HOLY BEAST QILIN. THE LEGENDARY QILIN APPEARED DURING THE WAR ERE TO SAVE THIS WORLD.


X!

WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU!
AH!

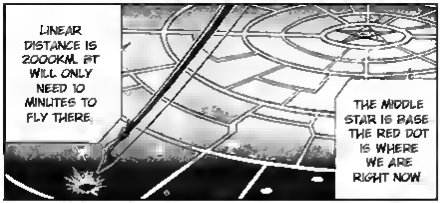

X WAS THE STRONGEST BT DEVELOPED BY MACHINE EMPIRE IN THE PAST.

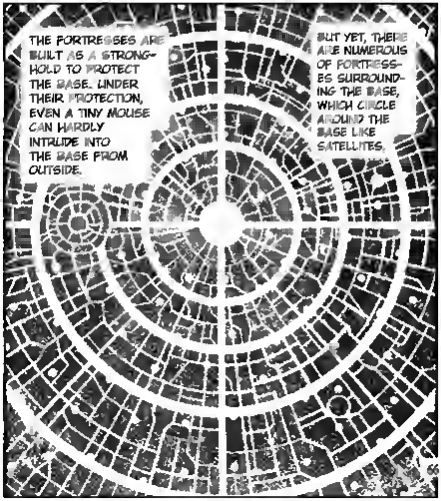
RETURN IT BACK TO ME!
AH!
WU..
I MUST GO BACK TO THE BASE!
RE-RETURN IT BACK!
WU..

YES, MASTER.
JE T'AIME, THE MAP

DO YOU UNDER-STAND?
YOU

AH!
WHO ARE YOU!


LINEAR DISTANCE IS 2000KM. IT WILL ONLY NEED 10 MINUTES TO FLY THERE.
THE MIDDLE STAR IS BASE THE RED DOT IS WHERE WE ARE RIGHT NOW.


THE PORTRESSES ARE BUILT AS A STRONG-HOLD TO PROTECT THE BASE. UNDER THEIR PROTECTION, EVEN A TINY MOUSE CAN HARDLY INTRUDE INTO THE BASE FROM OUTSIDE.
BUT YET, THERE ARE NUMEROUS OF PORTRESS-ES SURROUND-ING THE BASE, WHICH CIRCLE AROUND THE BASE LIKE SATELLITES.

LIEUTENANT FOU, OUR JOB IS TO DETECT NEWS FROM EVERY-WHERE!
YOU WILL SEE US AT ANY SUSPICIOUS PLACE
CROW FROM SPY UNIT, WHY ARE YOU HERE?

I JUST WANT TO ASK WHO ARE YOU INSTEAD!

HOLD ON!
THIS IS SUFFICIENT TO CHARGE YOU AS BETRAYAL— HEE HEE HEE

TEPPEI AND X WHO SHOULDN'T BE IN THIS WORLD LONG TIME AGO ARE UNEX-PECTEDLY HERE!
NEVER WONDER THAT WILL GET A GREAT GAIN THIS TIME!

LET'S MEET AT THE BASE!
WHOA HAHAHA-HAHAHA

LIEUTEN-ANT FOU, WHAT IS ALL THESE ABOUT?

ARGH!!
WAH!

OO.. AHH
DON'T LET THE OTHER TWO ESCAPE!
JE T'AIME!
X, QUICKLY WAKE UP!
YES!

LIEU-TENANT FOUL WAIT FOR YOUR DEATH!
HNG! NO MAT-TER HOW GREAT IS JE T'AIME SHE CAN'T CHASE ALL THREE ENEMIES AT THE SAME TIME.
SHIT!
ANO-THER ONE

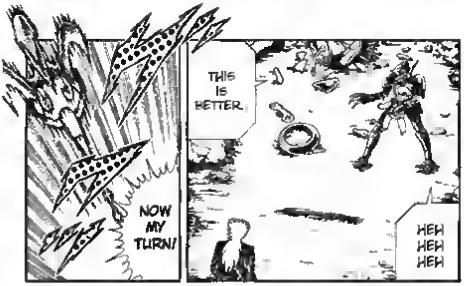
WUU
WUU
WUU
FOU...
FOU...
DAMN JE T'AIME...
URGH ARGH
WAH!

JUST ASSUME THAT I SAW NOTHING...
HEH HEH I AM JUST KIDDING

DON'T COME OUT NOW!
UMPH...
ARE YOU ALRIGHT LIEUTE-NANT FOU?
LIEUTE-NANT FOU, WHAT HAP-PENED?
AH!

WHAT!

X!


NOW MY TURN!
THIS IS BETTER.
HEH HEH HEH

LIEU-TENANT FOU!
AH!

SEEMS THAT THIS IS NOT NECESSARY TO REPORT TO THE BASE!
HNG. YOU SHAM PRIEST!

DROP DOWN YOUR WEAPON IF YOU DON'T WANT TO SEE HIM DIE!

IF YOU DARE TO KILL ME I WILL TAKE THE LIFE OF THIS KID!
WAH. WAH.

QUICKLY DROP DOWN YOUR WEAPON!

WAH...!
IF YOU DON'T DROP DOWN, I WILL TWIST OFF HIS HEAD!

I CAN EXECUTE THE PUNISHMENT NOW!
BAD BOY, YOU DO NOT WANT YOUR ARMS ANYMORE?
LIEUTENANT POU! LIEUTENANT POU!
YOU BETTER BEHAVE!

WAH!
AH!
WHAT
DAMN KID!
YIKES!
WHY THIS KID IS SO STRANGE?
WAH WAH
HU
HU
HU
THESE ORPHANS NOT ONLY LOST THEIR PARENTS IN THE WAR, THEY LOST THEIR BODY PARTS AS WELL

AH!

I WOULD NOT TOLERATE ANYONE WHO DEFILES THIS FORTRESS OF HOLY EMPIRE!
THIS IS THE HOLY PLACE TO TEACH THEM ABOUT THE JOY OF LIVING
YOU..
DAMN, WHO WANTS TO CONFESS TO YOU!
DIE!
CONFESS, CROW!

FOU.. LIEUTE-NANT FOU!
HO.. HOLD ON

CONFESS AT HELL!
I CON-FESS, I AM WILLING TO CON-FESS!
DON'T.. DON'T KILL ME..
VERY GOOD
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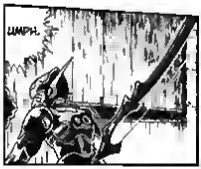
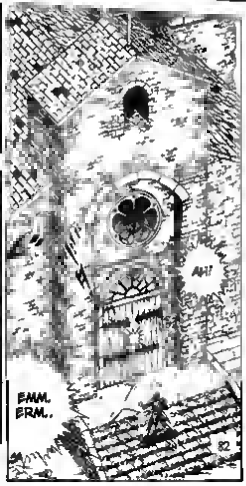
EVERYONE, QUICKLY GO INSIDE!


UMPH.

WAH!


AH!
EMM. ERM..
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FUNERAL BOW!

OOO...
AHHH...
ARGH...

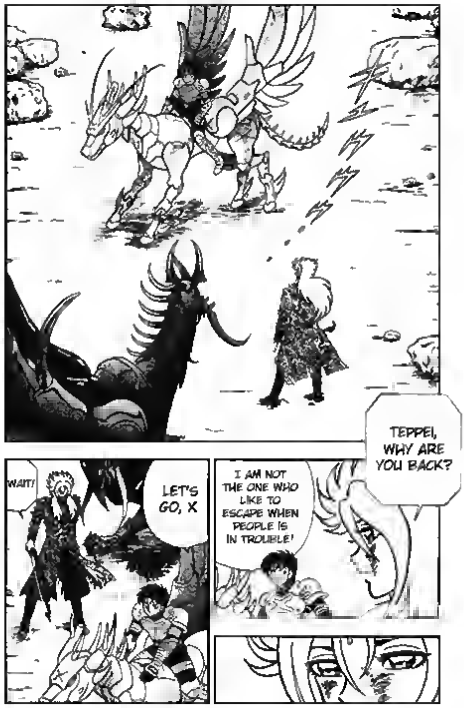
THE MACHINE EMPEROR IS THE GOD!
YOU ARE NOT AWARE OF HOW MIGHTY IS THE MACHINE EMPIRE.
YOU HAVE NO WINNING CHANCE COMPARE TO MACHINE EMPIRE!
I WARN YOU ONE MORE TIME!
GOD?
YOU SAW JUST NOW
THEY ARE NOT COMMON ARTIFICIAL ARMS AND LEGS THEY ARE NO DIFFERENCE FROM THE REAL ARMS AND LEGS!
HE GIVE NEW LIFE TO THE KIDS WHO LOST THEIR LIMBS

MACHINE EMPEROR IS REALLY OUR GOD!

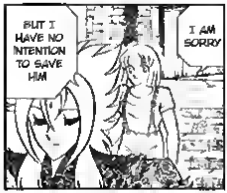
TURNS ALL IMPOSSIBLE IN THE WORLD TO REALITY!

EVEN GRANTS US WITH LIVING HOPE AND JOY!

MACHINE EMPEROR GIVES US BLOOD AND BODY!



BECAUSE OF THAT YOU SUFFERED THIS!
LIEUTENANT FOU, WHY DID YOU SAVE THAT PERSON, TEPEI?


BUT I HAVE NO INTENTION TO SAVE HIM
I AM SORRY

YES!
HUA LI, THE KIDS ARE NOT HURT?

SHARP GLOW?
I ONLY SAW THE SHARP GLOW FROM HIS BODY

WHETHER I HAVE SEEN WRONGLY
WE WILL KNOW SOON

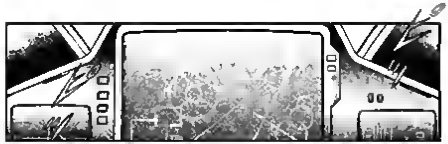
WAIT AND SEE!

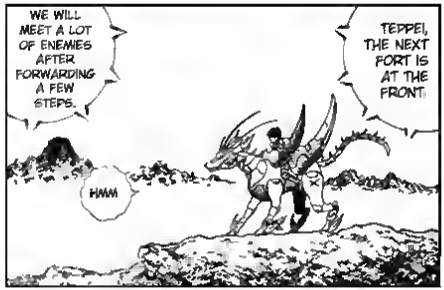
HE SAVED THESE KIDS INITIALLY SO THAT THEY WILL AUTOMATICALLY SERVICE HIM WHEN THEY GROW UP

TEPEI!

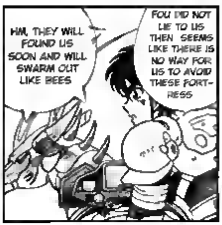
JUST LIKE YOU ALL!

I HAVE NO TIME TO ARGUE WITH YOU!
I WANT TO STRIP OFF THE FAKING MASK FROM THE EMPEROR'S FACE!

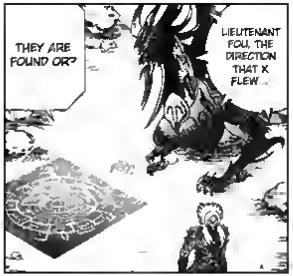



WE WILL MEET A LOT OF ENEMIES AFTER FORWARDING A FEW STEPS.
TEPPEI, THE NEXT FORT IS AT THE FRONT!
HMM

THEN WE DON'T AVOID THESE FORTRESSES
ALRIGHT!

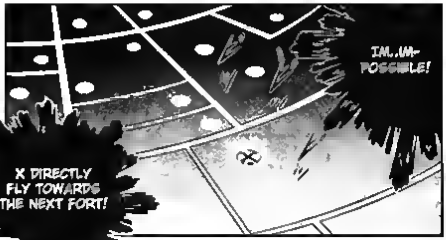

HM, THEY WILL FOUND US SOON AND WILL SWARM OUT LIKE BEES
FOU DID NOT LIE TO US THEN SEEMS LIKE THERE IS NO WAY FOR US TO AVOID THESE FORTRESS

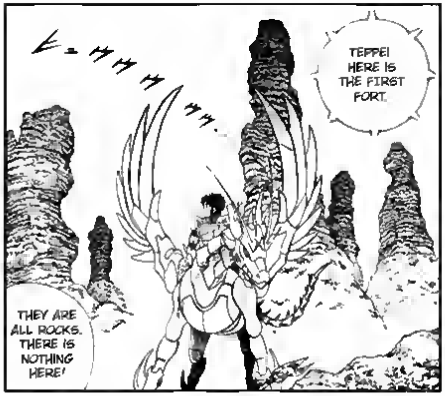
WHAT?


THEY ARE FOUND OR?
LIEUTENANT FOU, THE DIRECTION THAT K FLEW...

HOW CAN THIS BE?
THIS

ERM...

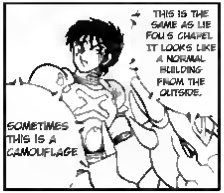

IM..IM-POSSIBLE!
K DIRECTLY FLY TOWARDS THE NEXT FORT!

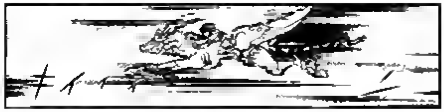

TEPPEI HERE IS THE FIRST FORT.
THEY ARE ALL ROCKS. THERE IS NOTHING HERE!

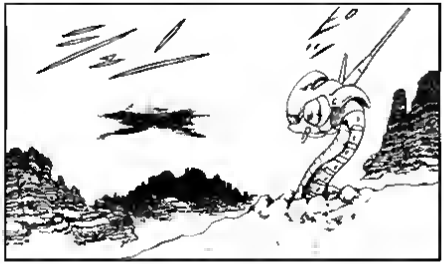
NOT ALL FORTRESSES LOOK LIKE A FORT
DON'T BE RASH!

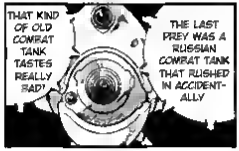
IN REALITY, IT IS A DANGEROUS TRAP!

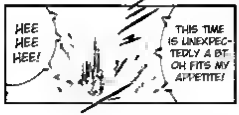
IN SUCH CASE THE ENEMY OF THIS FORT IS

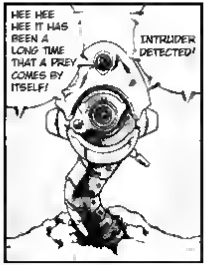

THIS IS THE SAME AS LIE FOU'S CHAPEL IT LOOKS LIKE A NORMAL BUILDING FROM THE OUTSIDE.
SOMETIMES THIS IS A CAMOUFLAGE



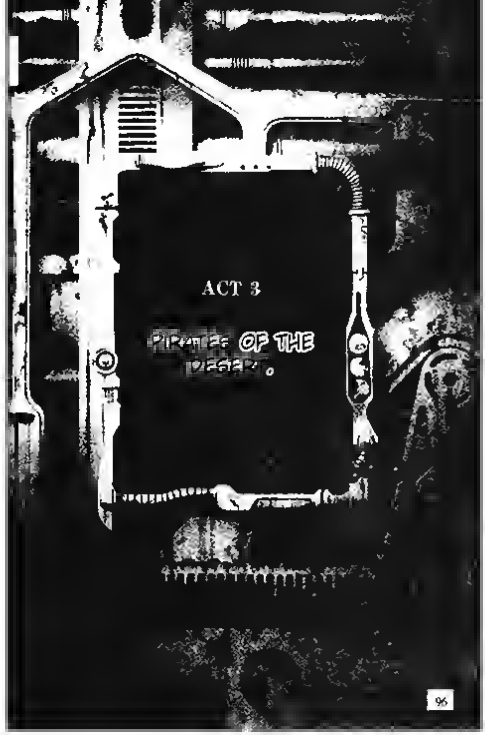



THAT KIND OF OLD COMBAT TANK TASTES REALLY BAD!
THE LAST PREY WAS A RUSSIAN COMBAT TANK THAT RUSHED IN ACCIDENTALLY


HEE HEE HEE!
THIS TIME IS UNEXPECTEDLY A BIT OH FITS MY APPETITE!


HEE HEE HEE IT HAS BEEN A LONG TIME THAT A PREY COMES BY ITSELF!
INTRUDER DETECTED!

WH.. WHAT!
THE ROCK IS THE ENEMY'S BT?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PIRATES OF THE
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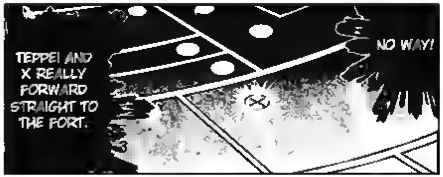

TEPPEI AND X REALLY FORWARD STRAIGHT TO THE FORT.
NO WAY!

TOTALLY THE OTHER WAY AROUND
HUH?
NO...
LIEUTENANT FOU, ARE THEY GIVING UP THEIR HOPES?
THEY HAVE FOUND A HUGE GAP TO REACH THE BASE!

SINCE X IS CHALLENGING THEM INDIVIDUALLY, IT WILL BE A SHAME TO THEIR DIGNITY IF THEY FIGHT HIM AS A GROUP
AND THEY WON'T LET THE OTHER MILITARY OFFICERS FROM THE OTHER FORTRESSES KNOW ABOUT THIS BATTLE
THIS TIME IF X, THE SO-CALLED STRONGEST, BT CHALLENGED THEM, THEY WILL ACCEPT NO MATTER WHAT
THEREFORE, THEY WILL BE ABLE TO MOVE FORWARD AS LONG AS THEY CAN BEAT THEM DOWN ONE BY ONE...
因此
只要他們能夠
一個一個地將他們
打倒而一路向前推
進的話……

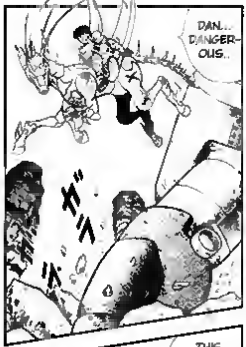
THIS IS JUST RIGHT FOR THEM.
?

EVERY GUARDIAN OF THE FORTRESS IS ONE OF THE BEST MILITARY OFFICERS OF THE ROYAL EMPIRE
ISN'T THIS WAY LIKE COMMITTING SUICIDE?
GAD?

EVERYONE BELIEVES THAT THEIR BT IS THE STRONGEST WEAPON...
THEY ARE ALL VERY CONFIDENT OF THE BATTLING POWER THEY POSSES

THEN THEY
CAN REACH
THE BASE!

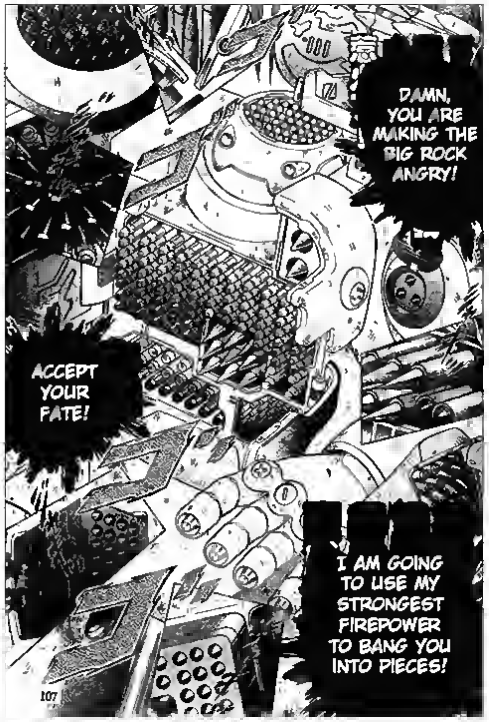
URGH!

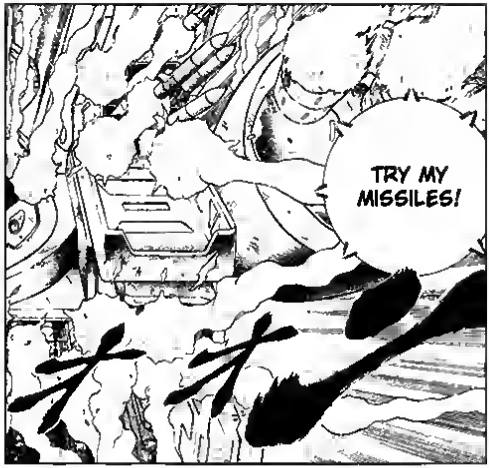

DAN... DANGER-OUS..
ガ"ン
THIS FELLOW IS REALLY HUGE!
IS HE THE BT OF THIS FORT?

HAHAHA. ARE YOU SCARED, LITTLE DOTS?

I DON'T CARE WHETHER YOU CAME HERE ACCIDENTALY OR WHAT
ANY ONE WHO STEPPED A FOOT HERE WILL DIE!
MY NAME IS BIG ROCK!
HNG!
X!

HE HE HE. HOW IS THIS? NOW YOU KNOW THE POWER OF BIG ROCK?
SUR-RENDER, LITTLE DOTS!
WAH!
YOU SHOULD BE THE ONE TO SUR-RENDER!
ARE YOU ASKING ME TO SUR-RENDER?
WHAT? WHAT'RE YOU SAYING?

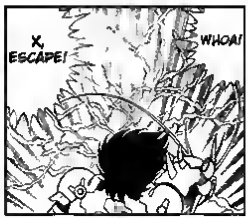

DAMN, YOU ARE MAKING THE BIG ROCK ANGRY!
ACCEPT YOUR FATE!
I AM GOING TO USE MY STRONGEST FIREPOWER TO BANG YOU INTO PIECES!


TRY MY MISSILES!

WHUA...

NOT NECES-SARY

WHAT?

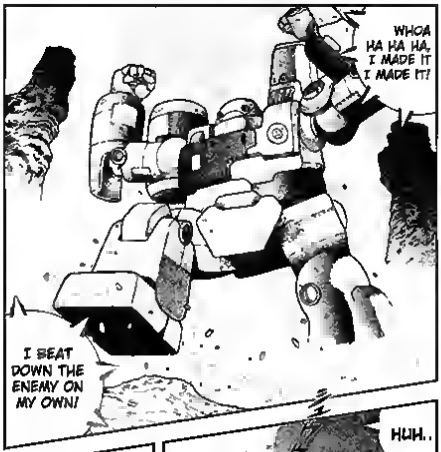

X, ESCAPE!
WHOA!

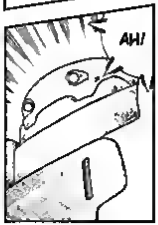
X!

ドドオオ…

I'M.. IMPOS-SIBLE!

AH!
VANISHED!


WHOA HA HA HA, I MADE IT I MADE IT!
I BEAT DOWN THE ENEMY ON MY OWN!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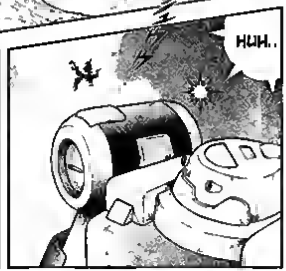
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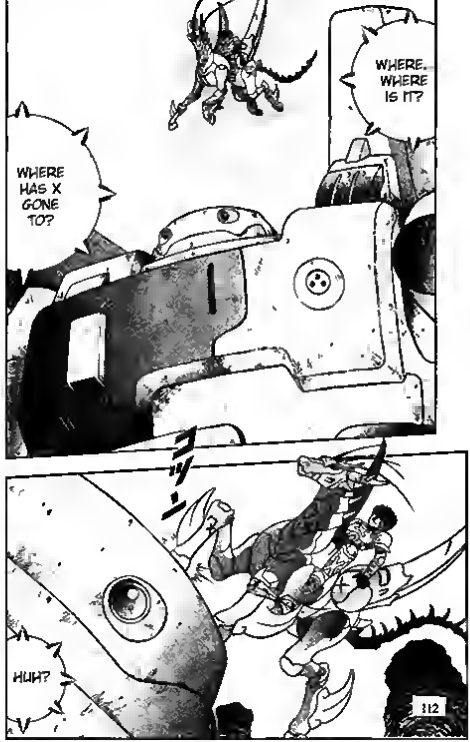
WHERE, WHERE IS IT?
WHERE HAS X GONE TO?
HUH?
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WAH!
AH AH AH AH
OUCH!
PURPOSELY WANT TO SCARE PEOPLE!
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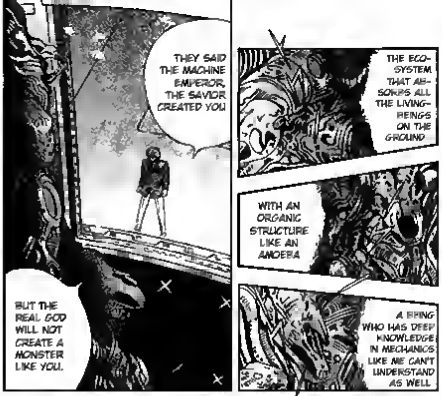
LITTLE FELLOW WHERE IS THE GUARDIAN OF THIS FORT?
SEEMS THAT THIS FELLOW WOULD NOT BE
THE GUARDIAN OF THIS FORT
OUCH OUCH OUCH
HEY, DON'T BE AFRAID
I WON'T HARM YOU
A..AH. AH. AH.
HMM.
YI.. YI. YI.

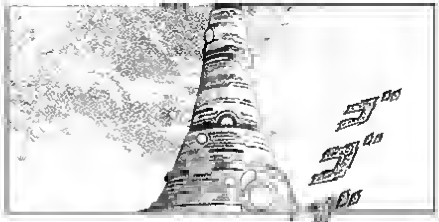
WHAT IS THIS EARTH-QUAKE?
TEPPEI, DON'T BE RASH!
IF THIS VIBRATION IS CAUSED BY THE BT, IT MUST BE VERY HUGE!
HIS HIGH-NESS HOOK.
BOO HOO
THE ENEMY IS NEARBY NOW!
WH.. WHAT!
WHAT IS THAT?

CAPTAIN HOOK!

PIRATES OF THE DESERT!
?!
HE CAN SLIDE ALL THE WAY HERE
IM.. IMPOS-SIBLE!
THAT.. THAT FELLOW..
HE IS THE GUARDIAN OF THIS FORT!

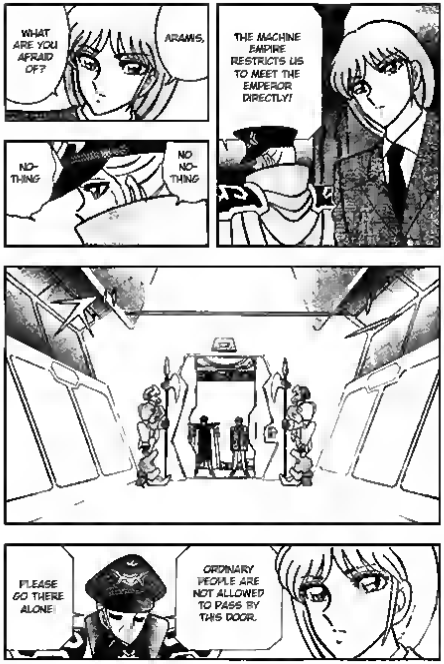

THEY SAID THE MACHINE EMPEROR, THE SAVIOR CREATED YOU.
BUT THE REAL GOD WILL NOT CREATE A MONSTER LIKE YOU.
THE ECO-SYSTEM THAT ABSORBS ALL THE LIVING-BEINGS ON THE GROUND
WITH AN ORGANIC STRUCTURE LIKE AN AMOEBA
A BEING WHO HAS DEEP KNOWLEDGE IN MECHANICS LIKE ME CAN'T UNDERSTAND AS WELL

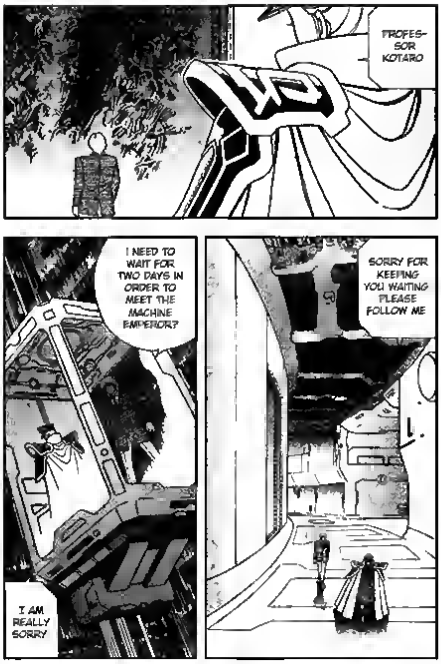
ONLY A DEVIL WILL BRING YOU INTO THIS WORLD
SO THE MACHINE EMPEROR IS A DEVIL?



RAFFA-ELLO...

WHO ARE YOU?


WHAT ARE YOU AFRAID OF?
ARAMIS,
THE MACHINE EMPIRE RESTRICTS US TO MEET THE EMPEROR DIRECTLY!
NO-THING
NO NO-THING
PLEASE GO THERE ALONE!
ORDINARY PEOPLE ARE NOT ALLOWED TO PASS BY THIS DOOR.

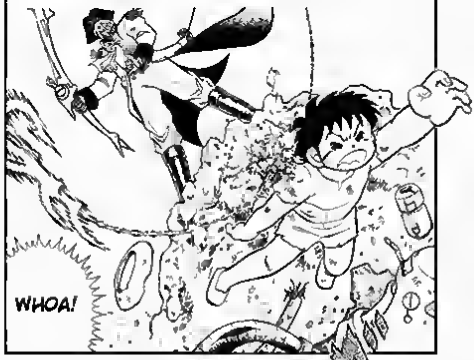

PROFES-SOR KOTARO
I NEED TO WAIT FOR TWO DAYS IN ORDER TO MEET THE MACHINE EMPEROR?
I AM REALLY SORRY
SORRY FOR KEEPING YOU WAITING PLEASE FOLLOW ME

THIS.. THIS ROOM!
WH.. WHAT!

I WILL KNOW WHEN I SEE HIM.
PEOPLE LIKE YOU STILL HAVE FEAR?
THIS
NO. I AM JUST.
IS THE EMPEROR REALLY THAT FEARFUL?
NEVER MIND

HO HO HO HO!
CAPTAIN HO HOOK?
YOU ARE RIGHT HOW DARE YOU MESS AROUND THE FORT WHICH IS UNDER MY TERRITORY I WILL LET YOU SEE..
THE END THAT YOU WILL GET!

WHAT END?
ACCEPT THE SANCTION OF THE HANGING ROD!
WHAT!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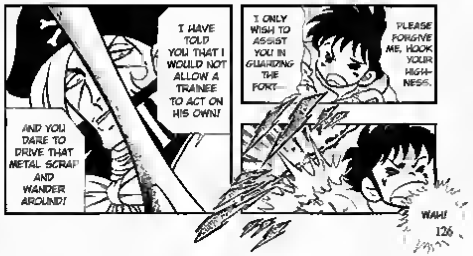
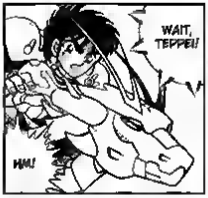

I HAVE TOLD YOU THAT I WOULD NOT ALLOW A TRAINEE TO ACT ON HIS OWN!
I ONLY WISH TO ASSIST YOU IN GUARDING THE FORT
PLEASE FORGIVE ME, HOOK YOUR HIGHNESS.
AND YOU DARE TO DRIVE THAT METAL SCRAP AND WANDER AROUND!
WAH!

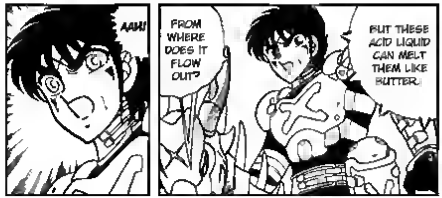
STO.. STOP IT!


WAIT, TEPPEI!
HM!

THIS THIS IS

PEOPLE LIKE YOU IS A SHAME TO THE MACHINE EMPIRE!
GO TO HELL!

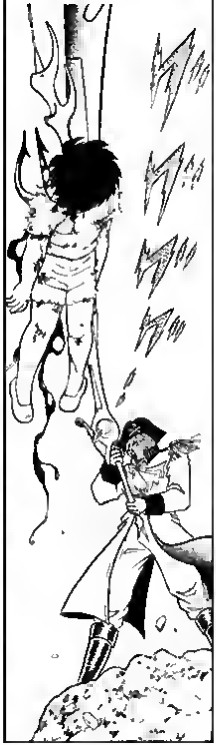
HMM..
THIS AREA IS FILLED WITH STRONG ACID WITH TERRIFYING CORROSION
EVEN THOUGH THESE ARE ALL JUNK, THEY ARE STILL THE EXTRA HARD STEEL PRODUCED BY THE MACHINE EMPIRE!


AAH!
FROM WHERE DOES IT FLOW OUT?
BUT THESE ACID LIQUID CAN MELT THEM LIKE BUTTER!

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO WITH THAT KID?
HOW CAN YOU DO SUCH A THING!

I WANT TO USE HIM TO FEED MY LOVELY BT GROUPIE!
WHAT ARE YOU SAY-ING?

THERE IS NO BT HERE?



HEE HEE HEE, I HAVE BEEN HERE ALL THIS TIME
THIS.
X! ONCE I THINK OF EATING YOU LATER, MY SALIVA FLOWS OUT!
WHAT KIND OF JOKE IS THIS? PLEASE DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH!
TEPPEI, DON'T LOOK DOWN ON YOUR ENEMY!

WHAT!
THE ACID FLOWS OUT FROM HIS BODY!
WH.. WHAT!
YES, HOOK YOUR HIGHNESS
HO HO HO GROUTRE IT'S LUNCH TIME NOW!
THEN I WON'T HOLD BACK.
AH!
IM..IM-POSSIBLE!

IS THIS THE REAL LOOK OF THE BT, GROUPIE?

HELP.. HELP ME!

FROM TODAY ONWARDS YOU WILL BECOME @ROUND FLESH!

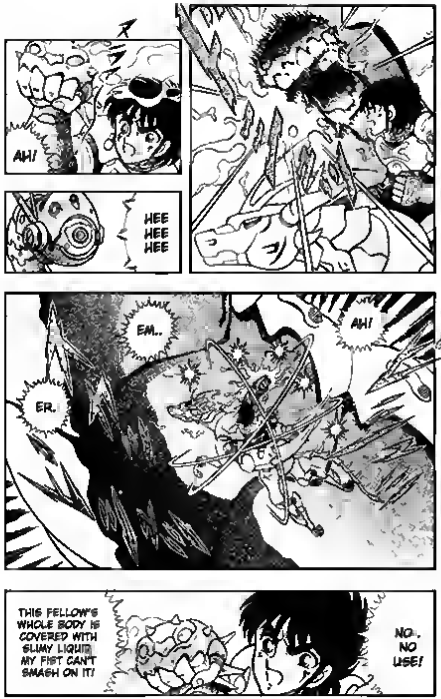
WAH!

STOP IT!

SO THE ACID IS THIS FELLOW'S SALIVA!

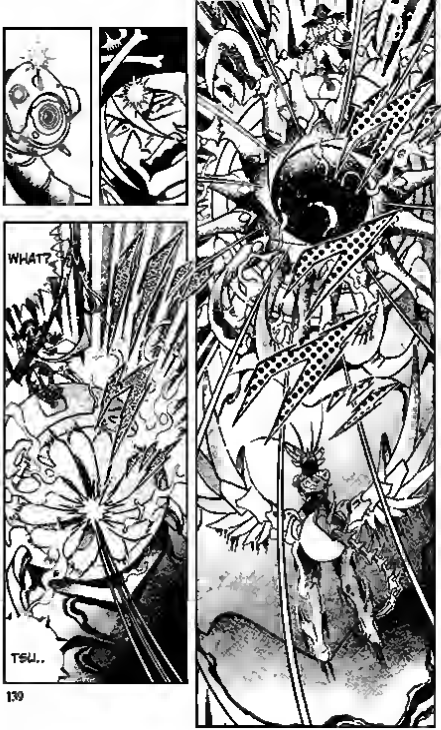
WHETHER METAL OR LIVING @EINGS, THIS FELLOW CAN DIGEST ALL OF THEM!

WU.. AH. AH AH.


AH!
HEE HEE HEE
EM..
AH!
ER.
THIS FELLOW'S WHOLE BODY IS COVERED WITH SLIMY LIQUID. MY FIST CAN'T SMASH ON IT!
NO. NO USE!

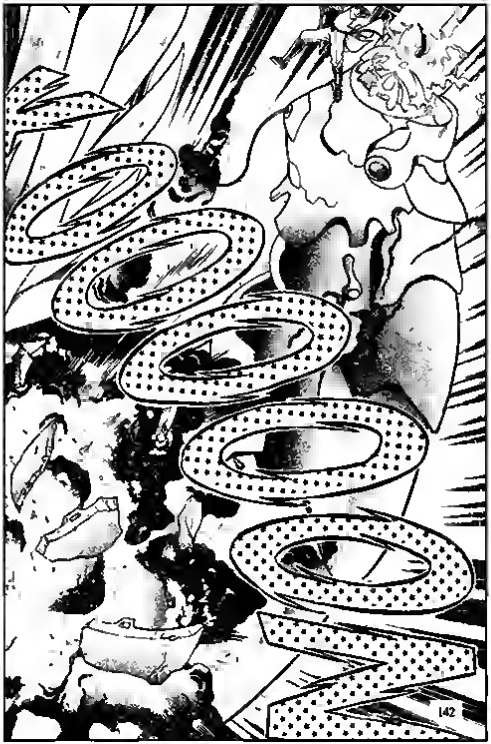
SHA YA YA A..A..
WAH!
HO HO HO YOU GUYS WAIT OBEDIENTLY
TEPPEI, YOU CAN FIGHT HIM FROM THE OUTSIDE
WU!
I WILL EAT YOU ALL SOON!

WAHHHAR..
X! LET'S GO!
AH!
DAMN IT!
HEE HEE HEE


WHAT?
TSU..

WU..
GU GU GU
WU..
WHAT? STOMACH-ACHE?
HOOK YOUR HIGH-NESS MY STO-MACH.
MY STO-MACH
SIGH, YOU CAN EVEN SWALLOW A TANK RIGHT?
YOU FEEL BLOATED AFTER EATING THREE PEOPLE?
AH!
HEY WHY ARE THERE SO MANY WEIRD SOUNDS IN-SIDE YOUR BODY?
BAD DIGESTION?

TO DASH INTO GROUPIE'S MOUTH? HO HO HO
ARE THEY MAD?
HO
YET IT SAVED MY ENERGY IN USING THE HANDING ROD
GROU-PIE, AM I RIGHT?
HO HO HO HO
GROUPIE, WHAT'S WRONG?



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REALLY
UNBELIEVABLE

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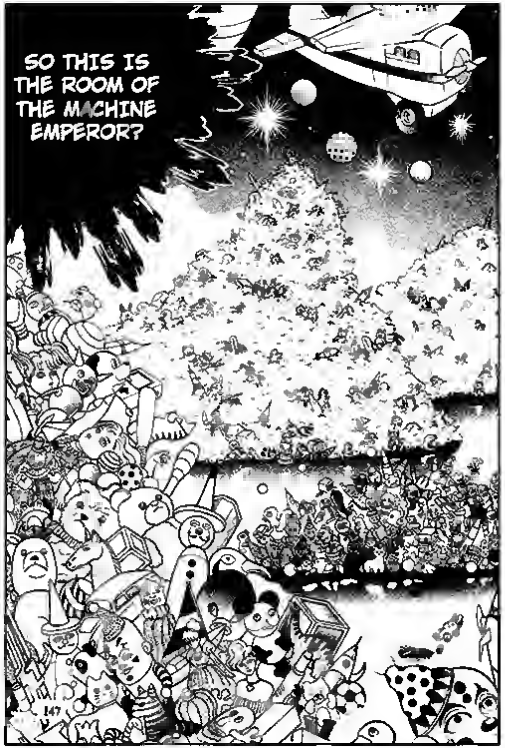
THE MYSTERY OF THE
MACHINE EMPEROR


SO THIS IS THE ROOM OF THE MACHINE EMPEROR?
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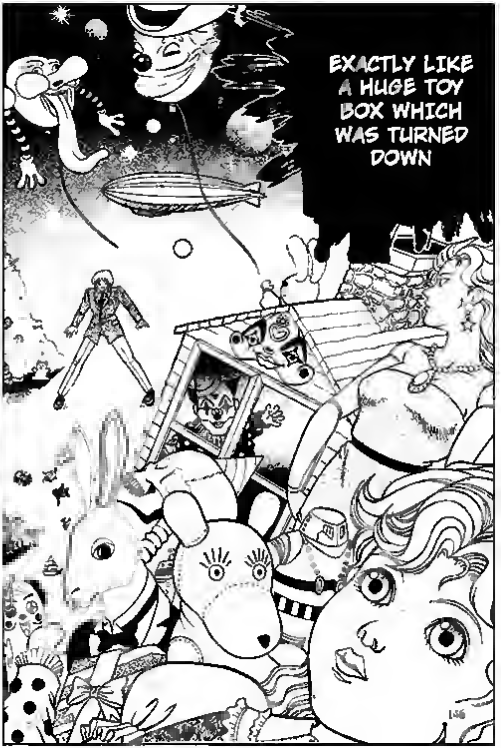
EXACTLY LIKE A HUGE TOY BOX WHICH WAS TURNED DOWN
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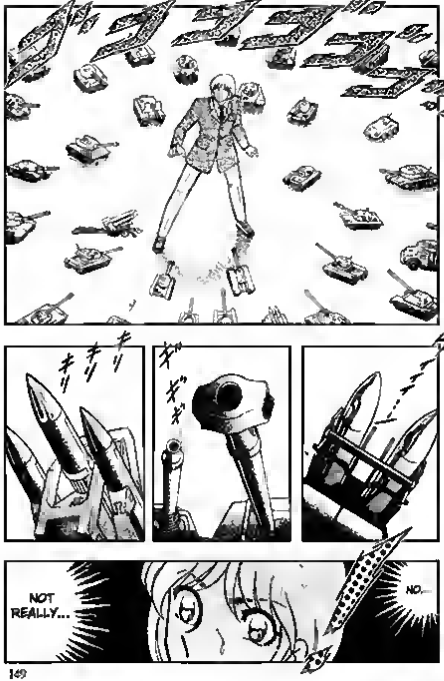
HMM


NOT REALLY...
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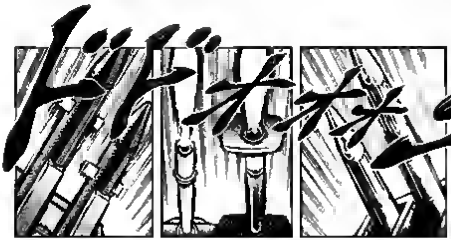
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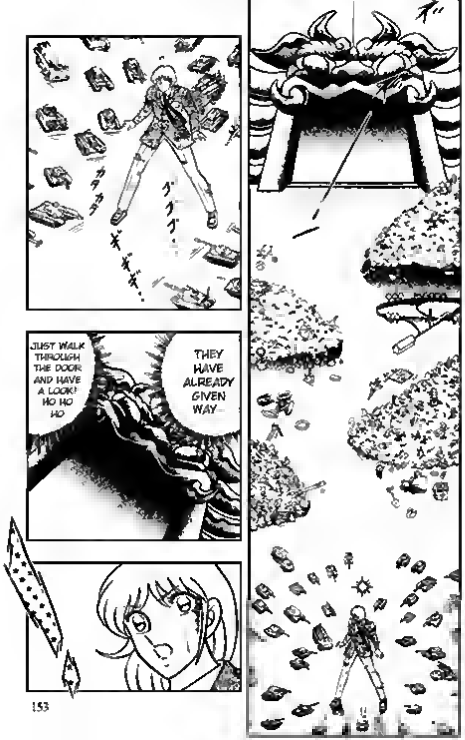
WAH!

THESE MODELS LOOK EXACTLY THE SAME...
BUT ARE REAL WEAPONS WITH BULLETS!

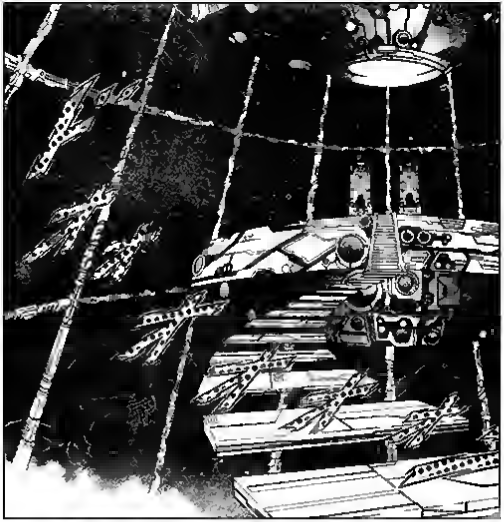
URGH...

THESE THESE ARE NOT TOYS!

PROFESSOR KOTARO!
HA HA HA, A GREAT SHOCK, RIGHT?

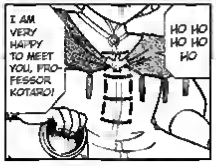

JUST WALK THROUGH THE DOOR AND HAVE A LOOK! HO HO HO
THEY HAVE ALREADY GIVEN WAY

SO I JUST THOUGHT OF PLAYING A SMALL PRANK ON YOU
ARAMIS KEEPS ON PRAISING YOU
WH
I JUST MADE A SMALL JOKE!
DON'T BE SO ANGRY!
WHY DO YOU WANT TO HIDE WHEN TALKING TO ME!
WHERE ARE YOU!

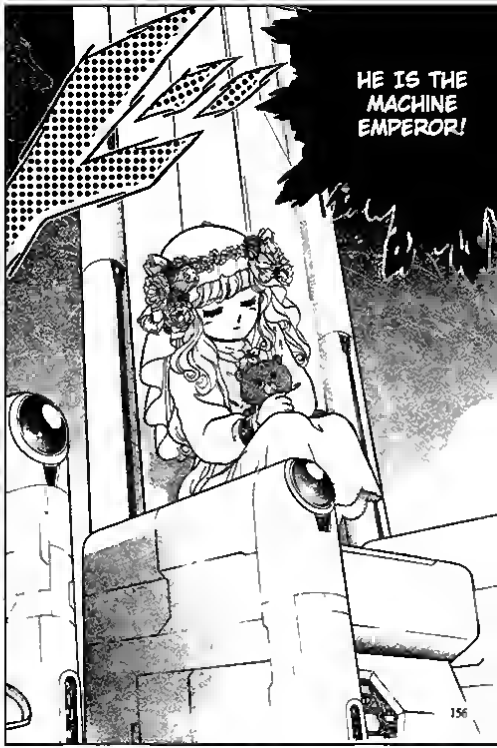


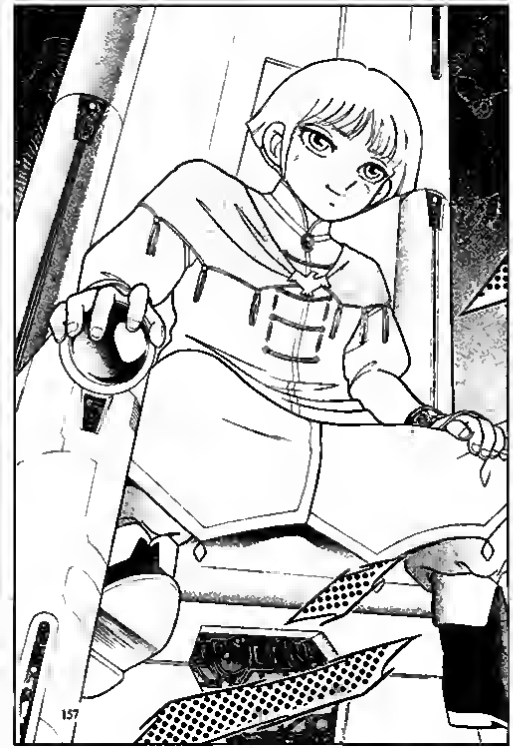
WH.. WHAT!

SUCH A YOUNG KID.....
HOW... HOW COULD IT BE..


I AM VERY HAPPY TO MEET YOU, PROFESSOR KOTARO!
HO HO HO HO HO

IMPOSSIBLE!


HE IS THE MACHINE EMPEROR!



YOU GREEDY THING! YOUR INTERIOR IS SO WEAK!
YOU SHOULD CONTRACT YOUR DIET NEXT TIME! BUT I DOUBT THAT YOU WILL HAVE A NEXT TIME!

BUT...
I... I AM SORRY...
DON'T BE HAPPY YET IT'S TOO EARLY!
IF WE STAYED THERE FOR A FEW MORE SECONDS WE WILL BE DIGESTED BY SHOLIMB'S GASTRIC ACID!
YOU FEEL PITY ON HIM?
I REALLY CAN'T BEAR TO SEE THIS KID EATEN BY HIM!
HUH?
SO HARD TO UNDERSTAND...
THIS KID WAS OUR ENEMY A FEW MINUTES AGO YET YOU TOOK THE RISK TO SAVE HIM...
HUMAN IS REALLY HARD TO UNDERSTAND!

OASIS?
HU
HU
THE NEXT FORT HAS AN OASIS.
HU
HU
HU
HU
UMPH.. OA.. OASIS
WHAT?
AH... HEY!
ガ"
X! LET'S GO NOW!
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HU
HU
I AM TOO LAZY TO CALCULATE EVERY-THING!
I REALLY CAN'T FIGURE OUT HOW YOU MADE THAT DECISION.
X! THIS KID IS NOT IN A GOOD CONDITION!
HU
HU
IF WE DON'T WASH AWAY THE STRONG ACID AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, I THINK HIS LIFE WILL BE IN DANGER!
THE ACID CORRODES HIS BODY QUITE IN A DANGEROUS STATE NOW
WHERE DO WE FIND SUCH AMOUNT OF WATER IN THE DESERT?
MY BODY AND YOUR ARMOUR ALSO NEED TO BE CLEANED OR ELSE THEY WILL ALSO BE WORN OUT
BUT WE NEED A LOT OF WATER TO WASH AWAY THE STRONG ACID!
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ARGH!
HU
HU
IDIOT!
YOU ARE WRONG IF YOU THINK YOU CAN PASS THIS FORT SO EASILY!

HOW DARE YOU HURT MY GROUPIE LIKE THIS!
HOW DARE YOU HURT MY GROUPIE LIKE THIS!
SO RE-LEASE...
THIS THING!
URGH. HOOK.
YOU ARE NOT DEAD!

TEP.
TEPPEL
I AM ALSO UNABLE TO MOVE.
URGH..
AH.
X!
OOH
MY HANGING ROD CAN EVEN HOOK UP A TANK!
HO HO HO HOW MANY TIMES DO I NEED TO MAKE YOU UNDERSTAND THIS?
THE PREY I TIED UP WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO ESCAPE!
ACCEPT YOUR FATE!

ELEC-
TRICAL
HELL!

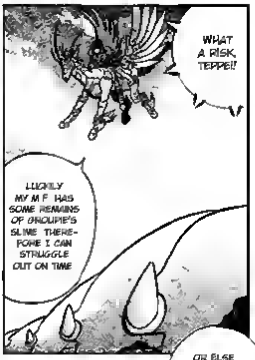
WHOA...
WHOA
I STILL WANT TO SLIGHTLY INCREASE THE VOLTAGE!
BOTH OF YOU JUST WAIT TO BECOME TWO BURNT CORPSES!
WHOAD MY ELECTRICAL SHOT CAN ANAESTHETIZE THE DEFENCE SYSTEM AND PERMEATE TO EVERY INCH OF THE BODY!
ALL DEFENCE PROGRAMS ARE USELESS!

WE CAN'T ESCAPE
WHAT SHOULD WE DO, XY
STOP JOKING IF THIS KEEPS UP.
WE WILL REALLY DIE.
HE IS RIGHT HANGING ROD IS A WEAPON USED TO SPECIFICALLY HUNT ROBOTS
IF ONLY I CAN USE MY M.F
DAM. DAMN IT
TIME TO SEND YOU GUYS TO HELL
TRY MY HIGHEST VOLTAGE OF 100 MILLION V!
URGH..
URGH AH
TEP TEPPEL

STRUG-GLE...
GET RID OF THIS!
DIE!

WHOA...
TEPPEI!

WHAT!
WHOA..


WHAT A RISK, TEPPEI!
LUCKILY MY M.F HAS SOME REMAINS OF GHOULPIE'S SLIME THEREFORE I CAN STRUGGLE OUT ON TIME

OR ELSE BOTH OF US WOULD HAVE BEEN 2 BURNT CORPSES.
YEAH!

HU!
HU!
WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME!

X! FLY QUICKLY TOWARDS THE OASIS!
YES!

TOO SCARY
TOO...

WHAT IS IT REALLY?
THE M.F ON HIS HANDS.
SO HARD TO BELIEVE...
HE CAN EVEN CUT DOWN THE ELECTRICITY FLOW
AND INVERTS ITS FLOW.

LIEUTE-
NANT FOU!
THIS IS
REALLY
UNBELIEVA-
BLE!
TEPPEI AND X
HAVE REALLY
PASS THROUGH
THE FORT
GUARDED BY
HOOK!
YES
SIR.
JE TAIME. IN
TOTAL, HOW MA-
NY FORTRESSES
ARE THERE FOR
THE SHORTEST
ROUTE TO THE
BASE?
THE BATTLE
POWER THAT
WE PREVIOUSLY
PREDICTED FOR
THEM CLEARLY
SHOWS THAT
THEY WERE GO-
ING TO LOSE!
HMM

TOTAL
13
FIRST OF
ALL, MARK
DOWN THE
SHORTEST
ROUTE TO
THE BASE.
SO THERE
ARE 12
MORE
LEFT
BUT THE
NEARER THE
FORT TO THE
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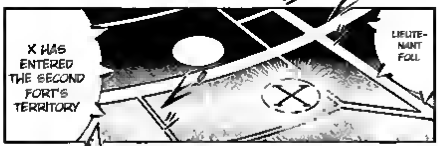
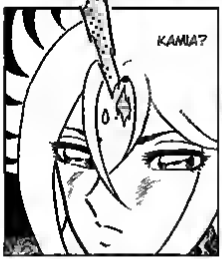
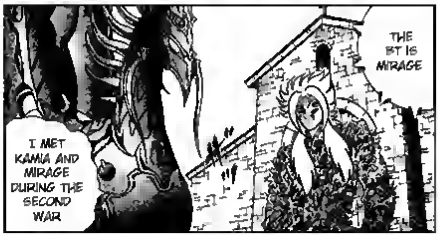
FORTRESS
THAT MUST BE
PASSED BY

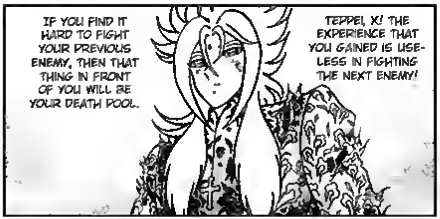

LIEUTE-NANT FOU!
X HAS ENTERED THE SECOND FORT'S TERRITORY


KAMIA?

THAT IS...

IT'S KAMIA'S TERRI-TORY


THE BT IS MIRAGE
I MET KAMIA AND MIRAGE DURING THE SECOND WAR


IF YOU FIND IT HARD TO FIGHT YOUR PREVIOUS ENEMY, THEN THAT THING IN FRONT OF YOU WILL BE YOUR DEATH POOL.
TEPPEI, X! THE EXPERIENCE THAT YOU GAINED IS USE-LESS IN FIGHTING THE NEXT ENEMY!

ESPECIAL-LY THE MIRAGE FIGHTER!
KAMIA AND MIRAGE!

ABOUT THE DIRECTION SYSTEM.
THERE IS NOTHING ABNORMAL.
WE ARE FOLLOWING THE MAP.
ARE WE LOST?
OASIS SHOULD BE AT THE NEXT FORT.
BUT I HAVE A WEIRD FEELING SINCE EARLIER.
AH!
THERE IT IS!
WE HAVE ALREADY FALLEN INTO THE ENEMY'S TRAP...
UNFOG...

HU
AL
HU
I FEEL LIKE.
HE WILL REALLY DIE IF WE DON'T QUICKLY REMOVE THE ACID FROM HIS BODY!
K, HAVEN'T WE REACHED THE OASIS YET?
WHAT?
WE SHOULD HAVE BEEN THERE FOR A WHILE NOW.

OASIS!

HA HA HA, I THINK YOU WORRY TOO MUCH!
WE HAVE REACHED IT!
BE STRONG!
HU!
HU!
TEPPEI, GRAB THE KID!
NOT MUCH TIME JUST DIVE IN!
OK!

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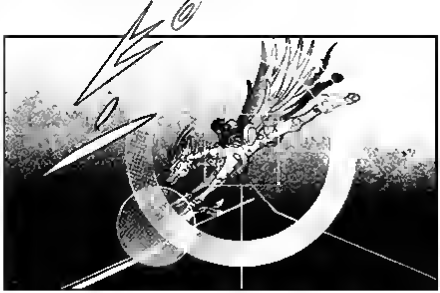
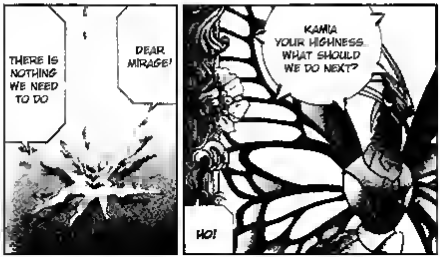
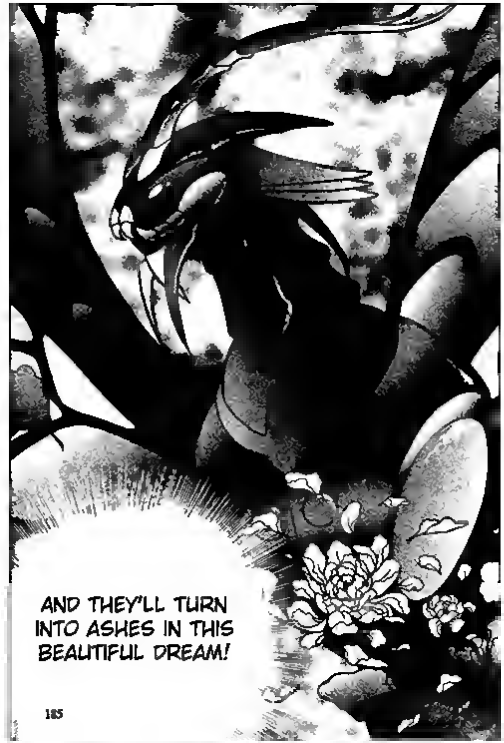
OASIS!
THEY HAVE ALREADY ENTERED OUR ILLUSION WORLD



IT'S TEPPEI AND X!
INTRUDER DETECTED!


THERE IS NOTHING WE NEED TO DO
DEAR MIRAGE!
KAMIA YOUR HIGHNESS.. WHAT SHOULD WE DO NEXT?
HO!


AND THEY'LL TURN INTO ASHES IN THIS BEAUTIFUL DREAM!

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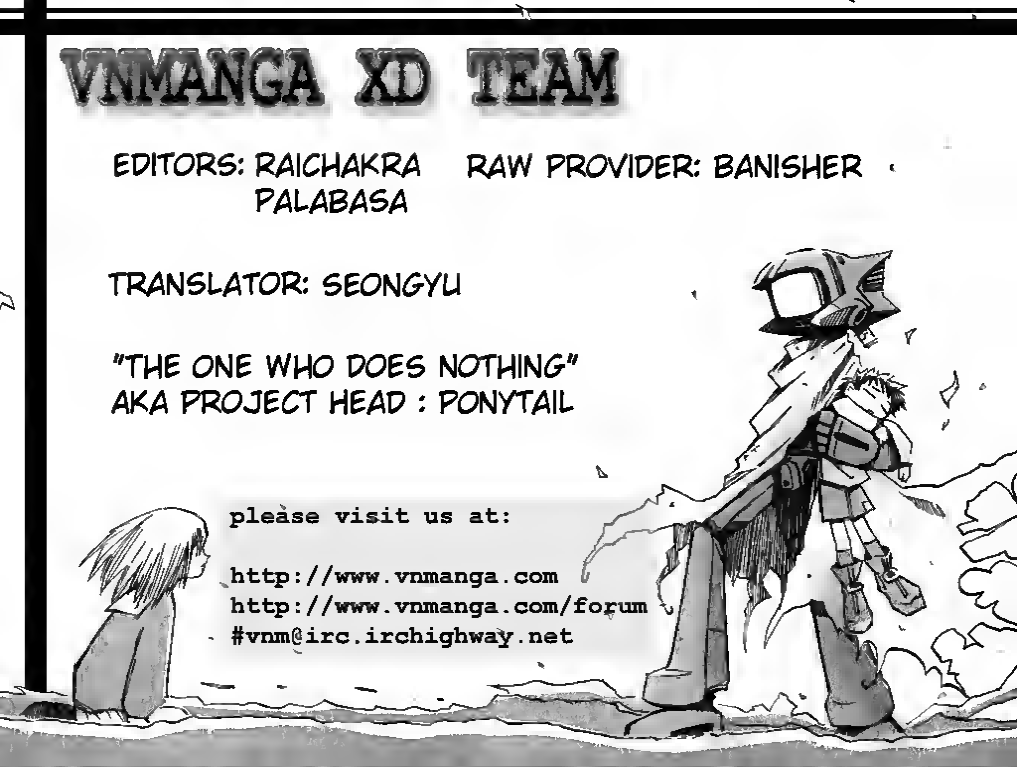
"THE ONE WHO DOES NOTHING"
AKA PROJECT HEAD : PONYTAIL



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